

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017**

PPC meeting minutes from 9/26

In our daily NT reading, at 6:00 pm, Mass Jesus refers to his mom and his brothers as those who hear His words and act upon them. An appropriate challenge as we prepare for annual ministry fair.

Large Group briefing: Father Bob thanked Joni & Bonnie for the supper. We all introduced ourselves, as a courtesy to newbies. Father reminded us the meal time is an opportunity to mingle, ie commissions don't sit together-rather be intentional in sitting with volunteer ministers you don't know well. Yet.

Father asked each commission to kick around the idea of hosting donuts after Easter Sunday Mass.

The stewardship campaign mailing, Oct.9, will include a letter from our pastor; a pledge card re: time and talent; a form to complete listing which ministry you plan to join (including what is similar to a condensed version of the green ministry booklet); and census info update. Finance committee and Parish Council have both recommended a more accurate roster of active parishioners. We could see as many as 200 names removed from our list. Mike & Kathy Rowe and Tom & Bonnie Boys will make follow up phone calls.

The 1st Millennial Ministry event is 10/23 at Old World Pizza.

Doug Fangmeier is our new trustee. Larry Butler retired from this position yet remains on Finance committee. We're grateful for his tireless and loyal service to our faith community.

Terry reviewed the success of our church float in the IGH parade. He asked for donations to offset materials cost, which Sonny & Shirley absorbed.

Terry opened our PPC meeting with a prayer, provided by Fr. Bob, then welcomed Jan and Chris.

Father Bob begged our candor in reacting to the donut Easter Sunday idea. Since the Sunday before, Palm Sunday, is already busy with the procession(s) and the Sunday prior to that is St. Pat's luncheon, the scheduling is tricky.

Chris said with so many families in attendance, it's a chance to show visitors what we're about at St. Pat's.

Terry asked, we boast of our robust hospitality so why wouldn't we embrace this chance? Mary added, it's only a 20 minute time commitment from a few of us, if all commissions pitched in.

Fr. Bob recapped the August annual backpack give away. 1100 backpacks were filled with supplies in 50 minutes. Inver Hills Church ladies are pros at this process. The 50 leftover backpacks were given to Neighbors, Inc, for distribution. The 400 hot dogs left over were given to River Heights church who gave them away were bagged up and given to those coming for their free supper. With IGH ministerial member Annie Platek's position with the school district eliminated, it was more challenging for this group to access and work off the list, and invite to the event those who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

The grilled brats were quickly devoured (no leftovers.) South Metro church provided the meat.

Friends of the Inver Glen Library gave away books at this event. Library cards were distributed. Positive energy was shared, in abundance.

Next summer, the planning committee might assign each IGH church to assume responsibility to provide a supply item in bulk.

Father Bob distributed his thorough notes from the book "22 Steps to a Great Catholic Parish." Council's review of these highlights will be on next month's agenda

Parade update: The attractive float certainly elevated our presence in the parade. Once dismantled, most materials can be reused next year. Bill felt the addition of young people (a few middle schoolers marching with the parade) whooping it up added noise and generated enthusiasm along the route. Joan asked if there's a more efficient way to divvy up the candy, so as to avoid running out. Terry will approach Mens' club re: sponsoring/donating candy for our presence in this city wide parade. Bill pointed out the grammatical error (placement of the apostrophe) in the float banner.

Ministry Fair schedule confirmed: Andrea, Ellen and Chris will host our council table. The door prize is a basket of assorted munchies. Ellen will prepare our tri fold poster board & set up Friday a.m.

Jane Marie reported the parish communications per bulletin spotlights is progressing, with different staff or key volunteer ministers assigned thru February. A suggestion was to, come spring, repeat a few summer columns as a courtesy for those absent over vacation months.

Conversation revolved around supporting Luke & Susan Harren, as our Millennial Ministry reps. Ellen submitted promotion of the 10/23 to Catholic Spirit, St. Joe's (W St P) & our own bulletin. The Harrens recommend no further advertisement until the next event is planned. (Perhaps on Fat Tuesday, another probe the priests over pizza.) At that time, per Joan's practical suggestions, the millennial committee can consider SouthWest Review; signs circulated at, eg the public library, T & T's, Cub, City Hall bulletin boards; etc. Dimitri reminded us of the value in using social media to promote this event. Chris suggested also tapping into facebook posts, and website links via Bryan's lead. Secretary's PS- At Ministry Fair, just one person signed up at the Millennial table, so their door prize (Old World gift certificate) will be raffled off at Old World on 10/23.

Joan raised the question: Why is the youth mass still being celebrated at a 5pm? The past two years' council student reps stated that Mass time is not appealing to their peer and recommended a 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Joan also raised these questions re: St. Patrick's Day lunch. Why the St. Pat isn't's Day lunch more aggressively advertised? Since we have a corner on the market for St Patrick's themed meal, might it become an established tradition within the greater community? Could this event become not just a community-builder but also a fundraiser, conveniently scheduled during a relatively slow season? Do we play it safe and keep the lunch basically in-house or do we assume a risk (of having lots of leftover food) and blanket the city & promote a St. Pat's Day Lunch at all the 23 surrounding area churches?

Jane Marie pointed out since this event falls under Parish Life, it would be appropriate to submit our suggestions to them. Joan cautioned against a 'silo mentality' of "it's their concern" and suggested all commissions share ownership for, and grow, this event. Large-group reports followed our meeting.

Father Bob is working to establish the habit of inviting everyone in the pew to meet & greet those folks nearby, before each Mass.